

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

**INVOCATION BY:** Commissioner Iverson (The individual that had planned on offering the invocation did not attend the meeting.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** D'Arcy Grisier

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for April 22, 2015 through May 5, 2015
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Steven and Carole Richmond, S/N W-RP-1-27-A; Frank Galayda, A/N 0481393
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: L & D Development Inc, S/N H-SCAN-1-108; JK Black Diamond/Jeremy Black/JMTA Holdings, S/N PVR-A-G-18; La Von E Edner, S/N T-SDE-2; Glade H & Mona P Truman, S/N E-SMA-80-A
- Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Washington County and Washington City Regarding the Ironman 70.3
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-1049-O on Saturday, April 25, 2015

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: SHERYL GARDNER**

No presentation was made today.

**PRESENTATION: SUICIDE AWARENESS - MIKE CAIN, SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Mike Cain expressed that the Southwest Behavioral Health Center exists today because of the Interlocal Agreement between the five (5) counties in Southwest Utah. Southwest Behavioral Health serves those that need treatment or have behavioral health disorders such as mental illness or addiction who don't have other resources or have Medicaid. Along with many other services within the five (5) counties, Southwest Behavioral Health also provides case management, transportation, employment and housing services. They have a mobile crisis outreach team, and are involved with the drug courts, mental health courts, and are in schools providing skills to the youth.

Mr. Caine spoke in regards to the Southwest Behavioral Health Center's mission in relationship to suicide prevention and awareness.

Utah is one of the leading states in regards to the suicide rate, with Southwest Utah being one of the higher areas in the state. For every suicide, it is estimated that there are six (6) lives that are closely impacted.

An important factor in preventing suicide is treatment. The challenge is reaching out and finding those people contemplating suicide. Southwest Behavioral Health works through coalitions that help identify problems and has partnered with the Reach For Hope Coalition to try to turn the suicide rate around within the five (5) county area. Two (2) years ago a goal was set to train 50,000 people within the five (5) county area, in a ten (10) year period of time, on a two (2) hour training program called Question/Persuade/Refer (QPR). This program teaches individuals what to look for, what questions to ask, how to persuade an individual to receive treatment, and where to refer them. Anyone can receive this training. Mr. Cain petitioned the Commissioners to have one (1) to two (2) County employee become a QPR Instructor, at which point they would be able to train other employees.

Commissioner Iverson thanked Mr. Cain for his presentation, expressed support for the QPR program and will coordinate with Mr. Cain on the details of at least one (1) County employee becoming an instructor to be able to train other employees.

**PRESENTATION: VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION - PAULA CLAYMORE**

Paula Claymore, Executive Director of Ancestral Winds explained that Ancestral Winds is a non-profit tribal coalition that expands through the Great Basin area. Their goal is to visit all twenty-nine (29) counties and explain the mission of Ancestral Winds, which is to: support healing in indigenous communities; advocate healthy relationships; educate communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic, sexual, dating and family violence; honor and strengthen traditional values; and collaborate with the Great Basin Region community members and stakeholders.

Ms. Claymore then presented and read the Prevention Awareness 2015-2016 Proclamation and requested that the Commission sign it.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Accept the Violence Prevention Awareness 2015-2016 Proclamation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

(See attached for the signed proclamation)

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH  
EMERGENCY SERVICES (2), WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR (1),  
CONVENTION AND TOURISM (1)**

Emergency Services, repeater site improv for Iron Kane & Wash Cntys.....	(\$80,000.00)
Emergency Services, radios w/chargers, mics, holsters, batteries .....	(\$68,630.00)
Fairgrounds, carpet for indoor arena .....	(\$40,500.80)
Convention and Tourism Office, Trip Advisor annual contract .....	(\$30,000.00)

Mark Blanch stated that the carpet for the indoor arena came in at approximately \$5,000 more than originally budgeted but Regional Park Operations Director, Gerry Brown will adjust other items in the budget in order to find the additional money needed.

*All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.*

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 URS RATES: KIM HAFEN**

Washington County Clerk Auditor Kim Hafen stated that the preliminary URS Rates were approved when the budget was approved in December, but the external auditors requested

this be approved separately when the numbers were finalized. Mr. Hafen clarified that there is no increase from the 2014-2015 URS Rates to the 2015-2016 URS Rates.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the 2015-2016 URS Rates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1902, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALAN GARDNER TO THE SNOW CANYON JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke clarified that Chairman Gardner was instrumental in the formation of the Snow Canyon Joint Management Committee and has been acting as the County's representative. This resolution clarifies that Commissioner Gardner will continue acting as the County's official appointee.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1902, a Resolution Appointing Alan Gardner to the Snow Canyon Joint Management Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1905, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN OWNER'S DEDICATION CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED IN THE SAGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Clarke stated that Sage Meadows Subdivision is in the St. George city limits off of Mall Drive. It was discovered in the title report that a small portion of road was deeded to the County approximately forty (40) years ago and was overlooked when the area was annexed. This resolution allows that portion of land to be transferred to the city.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1905, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Owner's Dedication Conveying to the City of St. George a Public Right of Way located in the Sage Meadows Subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1906, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED BOARD**

Chairman Gardner stated that it has been recommended to re-appoint Matt Spendlove and John Wadsworth to the Washington County Weed Board with terms to expire December 31, 2017, Kent McComb and Jeannine Holt to be re-appointed with terms to expire December 31, 2015, and Victor Iverson to be appointed with a term to expire December 31, 2017. Chairman Gardner expressed appreciation for those that have served on the Weed Board as well as the members willing to be appointed/re-appointed.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1906, a Resolution Appointing/Re-Appointing Members to the Washington County Weed Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.**

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Chairman Gardner stated that last week the Commissioners attended the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Meetings. At this meeting, elected officials from Utah gather together to talk about legislation that is being considered as well as legislation that needs to be addressed. Meeting with all the elected officials from across the State has proven to be extremely valuable. From those meetings, the County Planner will begin working on the County Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Renstrom recognized Bette Arial from Senator Mike Lee's Office who attended the Commission Meeting today as well as a group of Dixie High School students who attended to gather information for a report in a government class.

### **PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel mentioned several items that will soon come before the planning commission for consideration or discussion.

### **HCP BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW  
DEPUTY CLERK

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ALAN D. GARDNER  
CHAIRMAN